

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A service node for coupling a remote client to a network having at least one server, said service node comprising:
- a) a gateway configured for connection to a network;
 - b) a switch configured for connection to a remote client;
 - c) a data routing system extending from said switch to said gateway, said switch, data routing system and gateway collectively forming a path, through said service node, configured for coupling said remote client to said network;
 - d) a bandwidth measurement device coupled to said gateway, said bandwidth measurement device configured for independently determining upload or download data transfer rates of data packets transferred between said remote client and said gateway, ~~and for distinguishing the upload or download data transfer rate between the remote client and the gateway from the upload or download data transfer rate between the remote client and the network;~~
 - e) a measurement application resident on said bandwidth measurement device, said measurement application determining said upload or download data transfer rates for said bandwidth measurement device, wherein said bandwidth measurement application pauses prior to determining said upload or download data transfer rates until other activity on said remote client has ended; and
 - f) an applet maintained by said measurement application suitable for download to said remote client[;]and configured for independently determining upload or download data transfer rates between said remote client and said gateway, ~~wherein,~~

~~determining said upload data transfer rate between said remote client and said gateway, said downloaded applet generates said data packets originating at said remote client and, determining said download data transfer rate between said gateway and said remote client, said downloaded applet determines said download data transfer rate based upon an analysis of said data packets generated by said measurement application upon arrival at said remote client.~~

2. (Original) The service node of claim 1 wherein said data routing system is comprised of a router coupled to said switch and said gateway.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The service node of claim 1 wherein said switch is an ATM edge switch.
5. (Previously Presented) The service node of claim 1, wherein the service node is an internet service provider and said network is the Internet.
6. (Previously Presented) The service node of claim 1 wherein said bandwidth measurement device is a server.
- 7-9. (Canceled)
10. (Previously Presented) The service node of claim 6, wherein a web application resides on said bandwidth measurement server, said remote client accessing said measurement application via said web application.
11. (Previously Presented) The service node of claim 10, wherein said bandwidth measurement server further comprises a measurement database coupled to said measurement application, said measurement database maintaining data collected during measurement of said upstream or downstream data transfer rates.

12. (Currently Amended) An intranet for providing on-demand Internet access to subscribers, said intranet comprising:

- a) a service node; and
- b) a plurality of subscriber terminals, each one of said plurality of subscriber terminals coupled to said service node by a corresponding xDSL line;
- c) said service node comprising:
 - i. a switch coupled to each one of said plurality of xDSL lines;
 - ii. a gateway coupled to the Internet;
 - iii. a ~~data routing system extending from router coupled to~~ said switch [[to]] and said gateway, said switch ~~data routing system, router,~~ and gateway collectively forming a path, through said service node, for coupling each one of said plurality of subscriber terminals to the Internet; and
 - iv. a bandwidth measurement device coupled to said ~~path router and said gateway,~~ said bandwidth measurement device configured for independently determining upload or download data transfer rates between said gateway and requesting ones of said plurality of subscriber terminals which access said bandwidth measurement device, ~~and for distinguishing the upload or download data transfer rate between said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals and said gateway from the upload or download data transfer rate between said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals and the Internet~~ wherein said bandwidth measurement device further comprises a measurement database coupled to said measurement application, said measurement database maintaining

data collected during measurement of said upstream or downstream data transfer rates for said requesting ones of said plurality of subscriber terminals;

- d) a measurement application resident on said bandwidth measurement device, said measurement application determining said upload or download data transfer rates for said bandwidth measurement device; ~~and~~
- e) an applet maintained by said measurement application suitable for download to said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals[;]; ~~and~~ configured for independently determining upload or download data transfer rates for said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals; ~~and, wherein, determining said upload data transfer rate between said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals and said gateway, said downloaded applet generates said data packets originating at said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals and, determining said download data transfer rate between said gateway and said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals, said downloaded applet determines said download data transfer rate based upon an analysis of said data packets generated by said measurement application upon arrival at said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals.~~
- f) a service provider terminal coupled to said router, said service provider terminal accessing said data maintained in said measurement database of said bandwidth measurement device through said router.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The intranet of ~~claim 13~~claim 12, wherein ~~said bandwidth measurement device is coupled to said gateway~~, said requesting ones of said plurality of subscriber terminals accessing said bandwidth measurement device through said gateway.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The intranet of ~~claim 15~~claim 12, wherein said bandwidth measurement device is a server.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The intranet of ~~claim 17~~claim 12, wherein a web application resides on said bandwidth measurement ~~server device~~, said requesting ones of said plurality of subscriber terminals accessing said measurement application through said web application.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The intranet of ~~claim 19~~claim 18, wherein said measurement database is further coupled to said web application, said service provider terminal accessing said data maintained in said measurement database through said web application.

21-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) ~~The service node of claim 1 further comprising:~~ A service node for coupling a remote client to a network having at least one server, said service node comprising:

- a) a gateway configured for connection to a network;
- b) a switch configured for connection to a remote client;
- c) a data routing system extending from said switch to said gateway, said switch, data routing system and gateway collectively forming a path, through said service node, configured for coupling said remote client to said network;
- d) a bandwidth measurement device coupled to said gateway, said bandwidth measurement device configured for independently determining upload or download data transfer rates of data packets transferred between said remote client and said gateway;
- e) a measurement application resident on said bandwidth measurement device, said measurement application determining said upload or download data transfer rates for said bandwidth measurement device; and
- f) an applet maintained by said measurement application suitable for download to said remote client and configured for independently determining upload or download data transfer rates between said remote client and said gateway;
and
- g) a baseline data transfer rate determined during an initial access of said service node by said remote client, wherein the upload or download data transfer rate between the remote client and the gateway is compared to the baseline data transfer

rate to determine whether any problems exist between the remote client and the gateway.

30. (New) The service node of claim 1, wherein said bandwidth measurement device distinguishes the upload or download data transfer rate between the remote client and the gateway from the upload or download data transfer rate between the remote client and the network.

31. (New) The service node of claim 1, wherein, when determining said upload data transfer rate between said remote client and said gateway, said downloaded applet generates said data packets originating at said remote client and, when determining said download data transfer rate between said gateway and said remote client, said downloaded applet determines said download data transfer rate based upon an analysis of said data packets generated by said measurement application upon arrival at said remote client.

32. (New) The service node of claim 1, wherein said bandwidth measurement application further pauses prior to determining said upload or download data transfer rates until other remote clients coupled to said service node that are performing bandwidth measurement tests have completed their bandwidth measurement tests.

33. (New) The intranet of claim 12, wherein said bandwidth measurement device distinguishes the upload or download data transfer rate between said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals and said gateway from the upload or download data transfer rate between said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals and the Internet.

34. (New) The intranet of claim 12, wherein, when determining said upload data transfer rate between said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals and said gateway, said downloaded applet generates said data packets originating at said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals and, when determining said download data transfer rate between said gateway and said requesting

ones of said subscriber terminals, said downloaded applet determines said download data transfer rate based upon an analysis of said data packets generated by said measurement application upon arrival at said requesting ones of said subscriber terminals.